

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/437,535 filed Nov. 10, 1999 which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/047,703 filed Mar. 25, 1998 <sup>L. Now 61039,139</sup> which is: 1) a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08/640,068 filed Apr. 30, 1996, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,829,782, which is a continuation application of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08/239,978 filed May 9, 1994, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08/040,978 filed Mar. 31, 1993, now abandoned; and 2) a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08/905,877 filed Aug. 4, 1997, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,186,537, which is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08/505,036 filed Jul. 21, 1995, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,653,462, which is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08/040,978, now abandoned.--

Please cancel the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 17.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 17 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Side impact airbags are now beginning to be used on some vehicles. These initial airbags are quite small compared to the driver or passenger airbags used for frontal impact protection. Nevertheless, a small child could be injured if he is sleeping with his head against the airbag module when the airbag therein deploys and a vehicle interior monitoring system is needed to prevent such a deployment in that event. In FIG. 9, a single ultrasonic transducer 330 is shown mounted in the vehicle door adjacent to the airbag system 332 which houses an airbag 336 (shown in dotted lines). In a similar manner as described with respect to the embodiment shown in FIG. 4 with reference to U.S. Pat. No. 5,653,462, the airbag system 332 and components of the interior monitoring system, e.g., transducer 330, are coupled to a processor 101A including a control circuit 101B (shown in dotted lines) for controlling deployment of the airbag 336 based on the information obtained by ultrasonic transducer 330. This device is not used to